

Now the demand for cheap Broadband Internet coverage is threatening Amateur Radio and it will not matter if you have a tower that is 200ft high. This is because BPL uses radio spectrum that is transmitted over unshielded power lines to reach consumers. This has the likely effect of increasing the noise level to intolerable levels for all radio users, including hams.

Spark gap transmitters were outlawed years ago because of broadband radiated noise and harmonics, and now BPL will cause the same broadband noise problems only it will be coming directly to my house and radio on the powerlines. You will have broadband noise in all directions.

You can work QRP with just a couple watts or less. It is truly amazing that you can make contacts with such a low power level, but BPL threatens to even make 100W contacts a thing of the past.

In case you can't tell, I DISAGREE WITH BPL and urge the FCC not to approve.